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Remarks

Claims 1-80 have been cancelled and new claims 81- 98 have been added. The claims are drawn to an ingestible device and method for use thereof. The new limitation in claims 81 and 86, the description of the spring, is supported at pages 17, 18, 19, 25, 30 to 36 and 38; and in the effect of the springs described on page 23. Support for the other claim limitations is found at:

Ingestible device for delivering a substance to a chosen or identifiable location in the alimentary canal (page 4, lines 5-7) comprising

An openable reservoir for the substance, that is sealable against leakage of the substance (page 4, lines 7-8)

An actuator mechanism for opening the reservoir (page 4, lines 8-9)

An energy source operatively connected for powering the actuator mechanism (page 4, lines 9-10)

A releasable latch for controllably switching the application of power to the actuator from the energy source (page 4, lines 10-11)

Receiver of electromagnetic radiation, for operating the latch when the receiver detects radiation within a predetermined characteristic range, the receiver including a core having coiled therearound a wire (page 4, lines 12-14)

wherein the device comprises a ferrite core having coiled therearound a wire (page 5, line 12)


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wherein the device further comprises a compressed spring capable of acting on the actuator mechanism the expansion of which is initiatable by the latch and the work of the expansion of which causes operation of the actuator mechanism (page 17, lines 3-6)

Energization of the magnetic field generator requires powering the field coils with current at the required frequency of between 1.0MHz and 14.0MHz (page 10, lines 17-19)

Favorable consideration on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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